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▶ Hubballi bizman cheated in Rs. 25 crore loan lure

▶ Six from Mysuru booked; accused absconding

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BS)- A racket involving six persons, including a woman from Mysuru city, has allegedly cheated a 37-year-old businessman from Hubballi-Dharwad of Rs. 25 lakh under the pretext of facilitating a whopping Rs. 25 crore hand loan.

Acting on a complaint lodged by Harsha Hubballi on Mar. 9, Mysuru South Police (Mysuru Rural Police) filed a First Information Report (FIR) the same day against six residents of Lake View Layout, Gejjagalli, Koppalur and J.P. Nagar in Mysuru.

The accused are Narayana Shetty, Karthika, Yashawantha Shetty, C. Praveena, Deepak Vishwakarma and his wife Shruthi. The accused have gone absconding since then.

They have been booked under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Sections 316(2) for criminal breach of trust and 318(4) for dishonestly inducing someone to deliver property and to create or destroy valuable security.

The plot

In what is suspected to be a meticulously hatched plan, much like a thriller film, Yashawantha Shetty and Praveena, believed to be accomplices or middlemen working for the prime accused Narayana Shetty, approached Harsha at a hotel near the Toll Gate in Dharwad on Oct. 12, 2025.

Harsha was in need of Rs. 25 crore hand loan and was looking for potential lenders.

During the meeting, Yashawantha Shetty and Praveena spoke about Narayana Shetty, who they claimed was involved in the money-lending business and assured him that the loan would carry a low rate of interest. They later asked Harsha to come to Mysuru to complete the procedures to avail loan.

In Mysuru

Believing the words of Yashawantha Shetty and Praveena, Harsha came to Mysuru on Oct. 24, 2025 and checked into a hotel.

Karthika, an assistant of Narayana Shetty, who spoke to Harsha over the phone, informed him that a car would be sent to pick him up.

Accordingly, a white Fortuner car (KA-09 Z-8262) was sent to fetch Harsha from the hotel.

He was taken to House No. 42 & 43 at Lake View Layout, Gejjagalli, Koppalur, J.P. Nagar. Yashawantha Shetty and Praveena accompanied him in the car.

(See FRAUD on page 9)

Duplin Complex row

Public hearing on Mar. 18 to start eviction procedure

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BLU&BS)- A public hearing will be held on Mar. 18 to initiate eviction proceedings against tenants who have allegedly occupied shops illegally at Duplin Complex in Shivarampet, said Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Commissioner K.R. Rakshith.

Speaking to reporters, Rakshith said that under the Karnataka Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1974, conducting a public hearing is mandatory before initiating eviction proceedings. The step is being taken following a recent High Court order.

Earlier, the occupants had been given time till the first week of March to vacate the shops voluntarily, he said. In the first phase, eviction proceedings will be initiated against 21 shops identified as unauthorised after the public hearing, he added.

He clarified that, for the time being, those who have obtained Sale Deeds for shops authorised by an engineer of erstwhile Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) will not face immediate action. However, the legal validity of such Sale Deeds will be examined at a meeting of MDA and the matter may later be referred to the Government.

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Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day-2026 and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special interviews during the month. Today *SOM* features Vaishali Hanumanth, a third-generation entrepreneur from Mysuru's Padaki family associated with cinema exhibition business.—**Ed**

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Stadium plan at KSIC land in T. Narasipur revoked

Formal word on return of land by DYES awaited

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (MTY&BS)- Following the announcement made by Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh in the Assembly recently to drop the proposal for constructing a stadium on land belonging to the **Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC)** Filature Factory at Bhyrapura in T. Narasipur, the process has begun to withdraw the land earlier allotted to the **Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES).**

The KSIC Filature Factory has about 13.8 acres of land, of which 5.8 acres had been handed over to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports for building a stadium. The Khata for the land had also been issued in the name of the department.

However, after the proposal came to light, 'Parisarakkaagi Naavu' and several environmental organisations, trade unions, the Mysuru City & District Freedom Fighters Association and leaders of the BJP and JD(S) strongly opposed the plan, citing concerns that it could threaten the legacy of the famed Mysore Silk saree produced by KSIC, an institution established during the rule of the Maharajas of Mysore.

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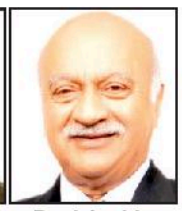
Talks on Iran War, Strategic Aspects at MOF tomorrow

Vombatkere



Ravi Joshi

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on the topic '*The War on Iran - Military Aspects*' by Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere and another talk on '*Political and Strategic Aspects*' by Ravi Joshi, Retd. Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, on Mar. 15 at 10.30 am at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Mysuru.

Maj. Gen. Sudhir Vombatkere (retired) is one of the petitioners who challenged the constitutional validity of the colonial-era sedition law in court. Based in Mysuru, he has been actively involved in campaigning for the protection of city's environment and heritage including Kukkarahalli Lake and Chamundi Hill.

Ravi Joshi, an alumnus of the University of Mysore and JNU, joined the Indian external intelligence service, the Research & Analysis Wing and served there for over 25 years. During his tenure in R&AW, he has served on several important desks handling China, Pakistan, Russia, Central Asia, Iran and West Asia. Since his retirement he has been a Visiting Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), a pre-eminent Think Tank, in New Delhi. He has been contributing regularly on the political affairs of Maldives, Iran and West Asia to the ORF as well as to several print and online media organisations. The talk is open to all. [Mob: 94498-19536].

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LESSONS FROM THE LPG CRUNCH: ***India is grappling with a severe shortage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), which exposes the vulnerability of a country heavily dependent on imported energy. The immediate trigger lies in the war in West Asia, which has disrupted global energy supply chains and shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz. As one of the world's largest LPG importers, India has been forced to ration stocks and manage consumption. The Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has directed oil marketing companies to prioritise domestic cooking gas, but this has sharply curtailed commercial LPG supplies...***

The scarcity has inevitably fuelled a thriving black market. Reports suggest domestic cylinders are being sold at exorbitant prices, while commercial cylinders are fetching several times their official rate. The Karnataka government must act swiftly to curb such profiteering. District-level special task forces should conduct surprise inspections of gas agencies and establish a round-the-clock whistle-blower helpline to report overpricing and hoarding.

Swift prosecution of offenders will be essential to restore public confidence. At the same time, the crisis demands responsible behaviour from consumers. Households and commercial establishments must voluntarily reduce consumption by adopting fuel-efficient cooking methods and avoiding unnecessary stockpiling.

More importantly, the present disruption should serve as a wake-up call to accelerate the transition to alternative energy sources. Solar-powered cooking technologies, rooftop solar electricity that can run induction stoves and biogas plants offer viable pathways to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Every crisis carries a lesson. The LPG crisis is more than a logistical bottleneck; it is a warning that tethering a basic necessity like a kitchen flame to volatile global supply chains is a strategic gamble. The country must transform this temporary scarcity into a long-term opportunity by reimagining a future powered increasingly by renewable alternatives.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Nigerian lady spends 70 days counting!

Lagos: A Nigerian woman set a new Guinness World Record for the highest number ever counted out loud after spending 70 days counting to 1,070,000.

Starting in October 2025, the Nigerian woman spent 70 days confined to her home, counting out loud to 1,070,000.

It's the kind of monotonous repetition that could make a person go mad, but Favour Ogechi Ani was so passionate about counting and focused on breaking the 18-year-old record for the highest number ever counted out loud that she never thought about quitting.

Ogechi Ani started livestreaming her daily counting routine on YouTube, which helped validate her record attempt. She also credits the people cheering her on as an extra motivating factor that kept her counting daily until December 16 of last year.

Young racer got his licence at five!

Beijing: Shao Ziyan is widely regarded as the world's youngest racecar driver after becoming certified when he was only five years old. He was first exposed to racing simulators at the age of 1, and started driving race karts before he turned three years old.

At the age of four, Shao started competing in professional rally events at the age of 4, winning the Hope Star Award at the 2023 China Rally Sprint Championship. In popular racing simulators DiRT Rally 2.0 and WRC 10, he ranked among the top 30 drivers globally, which prompted his father to retrofit his first rally car.

Although he drives better than many adults, Shao Ziyan doesn't do so on public roads. His racecars are transported to the race venues via trailers, in compliance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Safety Law.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Routine Blood Tests Save Lives

Annual health check-ups help detect blood disorders early — often before symptoms appear. Prevention begins with awareness.

By Dr. Giri Punja - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

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No power supply on Sunday

Mysuru, Mar. 14- As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its quarterly and 4th quarterly maintenance works at Kadakola, 66/11 KV KHB, 66/11 KV DMG Halli, 66/11 KV Hebbal Industrial Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply tomorrow (Mar. 15) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Kadakola, KIADB Industrial Area, Byathahalli, Sindhuvalli, Dadadahalli, Doddakanya, Chikkakanya, Marase, Makanahundi, Koodanahalli, Kochanahalli, Mandakalli and surrounding areas.

KHB Colony, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Hunsur Main Road, Hinkal, Mahalakshmi Layout, Nanneshwaranagar, Aditya Layout, Kaveri Layout and surrounding areas of Belawadi Petrol Bunk, Lingadevarakoppal, Gohalli, K. Hemmanahalli, Ganagarahundi, Sahukarahundi, Madagalli, Basavanapura, Maratikyatanahalli Gate and surrounding areas.

DMG Halli, Mariyayanahundi, Kattehundi, Manikyapura, Karakanahalli, Madalli, Shettinayankanahalli, Nuggehalli, Kumarabeedu, Beerihundi, Kamarahalli village, Doddahattihundi and surrounding areas.

Hebbal, Infosys Main Road, Aroma Bakery, Koorgalli, Shivanagar, Meghalakoppal, Chamundeshwarinagar, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Excel Public School, Varsha Cables and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

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REALLY...?

- *The word "fruit" originates from the Latin word "fructus," meaning enjoyment or produce. It was adopted into Old French as "fruït" and later into English, evolving to represent edible plant products.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife checks husband's mobile and finds all girls' numbers saved as...
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VOICE OF THE READER

Mobile phone mania and public safety

Sir,

The excessive use of mobile phones has become a common sight among both the younger and older generations.

Whether it is Police personnel on duty, medical professionals, office-goers, shopkeepers or commuters, many are frequently seen engaged with their phones even while performing their duties or moving in public places.

A particularly dangerous practice is noticed among two-wheeler riders who attempt to ride while holding a mobile phone between their neck and shoulder while speaking.

This unsafe act is highly prone to accidents. Some car drivers also text or talk while driving and pedestrians often cross busy roads while looking at their phones.

Another growing trend among youngsters is the use of ear pods while walking or travelling, speaking loudly and remaining unaware of their surroundings, which may lead to accidents.

A simple precaution would be for riders to park their vehicles safely to the side of the road before attending calls, especially during emergencies. Mobile usage should ideally be restricted to appropriate intervals rather than during work or travel.

There is a need for greater public awareness of responsible mobile usage. Law-enforcing authorities, Police personnel, teachers in schools and administrators in offices can initiate awareness programmes highlighting the ill-effects of excessive mobile dependence and the importance of disciplined usage in the interest of public safety and personal health.

—Pradeep Mysore Rajshekar

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Women's Day initiative

Free health camp at Sigma Hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 14- As part of International Women's Day celebrations, Sigma Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free health check-up camp exclusively for women at the hospital premises in Saraswathipuram on Mar. 15 (Sunday) from 10 am to 2 pm.

Free BP, Sugar (RBS), BMI, Hb (Haemoglobin) and Ultrasound scanning will be done on doctor's advice at the camp.

Senior Obstetrician and Gynaecologists Dr. Leelavathi and Dr. Tejaswini will be available for free consultation during the camp tomorrow.

A 15 percent discount on blood test and 30 percent discount on Pap Smear and Sonomammography tests will be available, if done on doctor's advice. For details and registration, contact Mob: 91080-28661 / 72043-18707 or Ph: 0821-4266661, according to a press release.

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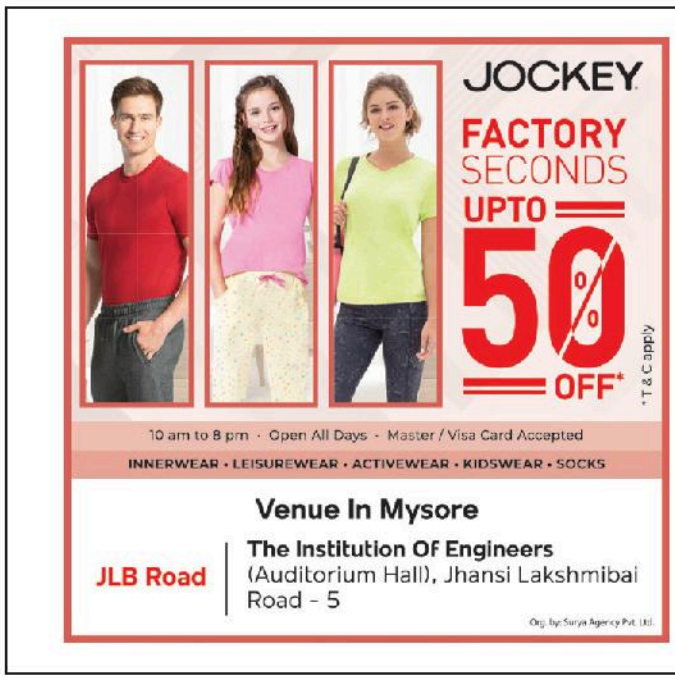
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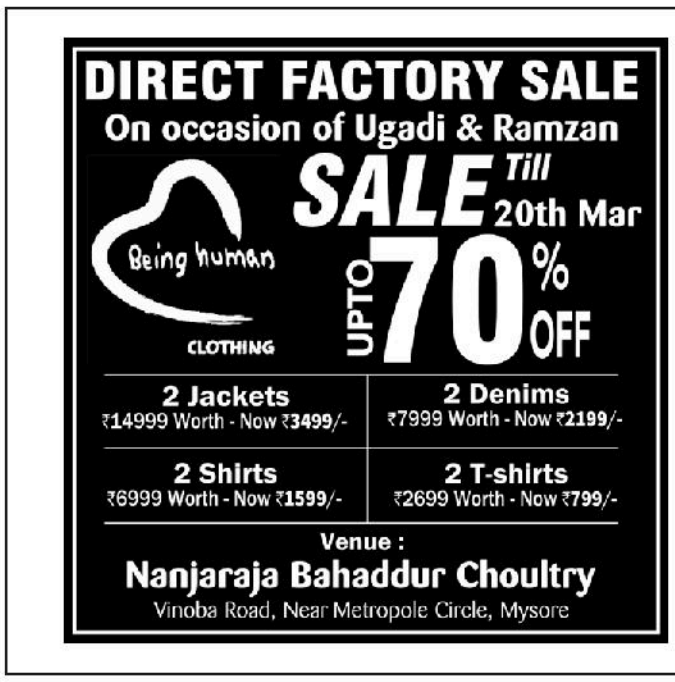
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Vikram Muthanna

Karnataka BJP... Wake Up !

One of the tragedies of Indian democracy is the repeated failure of the Opposition Party to perform its primary duty — which is to question, expose and challenge the Government of the day.

Unfortunately, this failure is visible even in Karnataka.

For long stretches, the BJP in Karnataka appears disengaged. There are no sustained protests, no coordinated public campaigns, no relentless press briefings and very little effort to keep citizens informed about the failures of the ruling government.

Ironically, the BJP could learn a few lessons from the Congress.

When the Congress sat in the Opposition during the previous BJP government, it displayed remarkable political agility. Remember the *'40% commission government'* campaign?

Congress leaders plastered cities with posters, held aggressive press conferences and even distributed *'PayCM'* QR code stickers to symbolically highlight corruption allegations.

Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar got down to the streets and converted accusations into political momentum. The narrative stuck. The BJP government was branded corrupt and voters threw it out.

Today, the roles are reversed. Yet the BJP seems unsure how to play the Opposition, even though it has ample political ammunition.

From the erstwhile Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site controversy involving the CM, to the visible friction between the CM and the Dy. CM, from the financial mess in the State to administrative failures in CM's own home town, Mysuru, the issues are plentiful.

But the BJP is largely silent.

Take Mysuru, for example. By now, the BJP should have held a *'Mysuru Chalo'* protest.

If there is one city where the BJP should be politically hyperactive, it is Mysuru. This is not just another district headquarters. Mysuru is the Chief Minister's political home turf, the cultural capital of Karnataka and one of the State's most important cities after Bengaluru.

The Chief Minister represents a constituency here. His son is an MLC from the region. Of the five Assembly Constituencies in Mysuru city, four are represented by Congress MLAs.

If ever there was a place for the Opposition to test the Government's performance, it is here. Yet the BJP appears largely absent.

To be fair, BJP leader R. Ashoka's intervention in the KSIC land issue did create pressure and eventually led to corrective action. But one isolated success cannot be a substitute for a sustained Opposition strategy.

In the past two-and-a-half years, there have been serious concerns about land grabbing and questionable developments around environmentally sensitive areas such as the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Congress leaders hold posters with QR code and the phrase 'PayCM', during a protest against the BJP government on the issue of alleged corruption, in Bengaluru, on Sept. 23, 2022. [Pic. courtesy : Internet]

> **"By now, the BJP should have held a *'Mysuru Chalo'* protest. The Chief Minister represents a constituency here. His son is an MLC from the region. Of the five Assembly Constituencies in Mysuru city, four are represented by Congress MLAs. If ever there was a place for the Opposition to test the Government's performance, it is here. Yet the BJP appears largely absent."**

Yet the BJP has not mounted any sustained public campaign on the issue.

Lakes are being encroached upon, creating the potential for urban flooding similar to what Bengaluru has been experiencing. Again, the Opposition response has been muted.

There have been significant drug seizures and rising concerns about narcotics factories in Mysuru. Yet this has not become a major political issue for BJP.

Then there is the proposed Greater Mysuru development plan. Critics say certain leaders bought land for cheap and then came up with the Greater Mysuru plan to convert this land and turn it into layouts before they lose power. Hence, there is no blueprint for long-term public transport or water sustainability.

Then the obvious question: If the Mysuru City Corporation already struggles to manage 89 square kilometres, how will it administer a city nearly four times larger?

In spite of these obvious problems, the BJP has not forced a serious public debate on these issues, let alone speak about them in the Assembly.

Even in the matter of MUDA controversy where the CM's family members were involved, the BJP went easy.

Then MUDA itself was scrapped and replaced with Mysuru Development Authority (MDA).

But the BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa has alleged corruption even in the MDA, suggesting that the name may have changed, but the system remains the same. Yet the State BJP leadership is quiet!

An effective Opposition is supposed to act as the voice of citizens against the ruling government instead they are self-serving and performative — loud, silly and ineffective.

Even the BJP at the Centre did nothing while it was in the Opposition for ten long years during the UPA rule.

Every big scandal during the UPA Government, be it the Jan Lokpal movement, the 2G scam, the Commonwealth Games scam or the Vadra scandal, all of them were exposed by the media, not the BJP.

The BJP simply hijacked the issues, piggy-backed on it, capitalised on public anger and rode that momentum to power in 2014.

Today, if the BJP in Karnataka continues to remain politically dormant and fails in its duty as the Opposition party, then it shall remain as the Opposition in Karnataka again in 2028.

This raises an uncomfortable question: Is that why the BJP's Central leadership appears quite comfortable allowing H.D. Kumaraswamy to emerge as the principle challenger to the Congress in Karnataka? Or does the State BJP simply lack leaders capable of leading that fight?

Either way, democracy suffers when the Opposition sleeps. And right now, in Karnataka, the Opposition seems to be '*manku*'... a Kannada word that means dull.

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'Use social media with utmost caution'

NHRC Chairman Justice V. Ramasubramanian in city

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Justice V. Ramasubramanian delivering a talk at Silver Jubilee Hall in JSS Law College premises, Kuvempunagar, this morning as (from left) JSS Law College Controller of Examinations Dr. Shivananda Bharathi, Principal Dr. N. Vanishree and IQAC Co-ordinator Dr. A.T. Jagadeesh. look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BLU&DM)- "Social media must be used very cautiously and with alertness," opined National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Justice V. Ramasubramanian, also a former Supreme Court Judge.

He was delivering a talk on the subject 'Privacy, Technology and Surveillance: The Future of Human Rights in the Digital Era' at a programme organised by JSSLC Alumni Association & Neeti Forum at Silver Jubilee Hall in JSS Law College (JSSLC) premises in Kuvempunagar here this morning.

Underlining the dangers of downloading everything from social media and the internet just because they are accessible freely most of the times, Justice Ramasubramanian said, there are chances of data theft by unscrupulous elements, who may later use the stolen data for bad intention, malicious propaganda or other criminal purposes.

Highlighting the salient features of the law meant for protecting privacy, he said that social media users can use this law to protect themselves against malicious intent. "We should be careful and alert enough to save ourselves from becoming victims of online fraudulent ways and methods in this digital era. We should not open our doors for fraudsters to prey on us and then blame the law, the Police or other enforcement agencies for having become victims of our own negligence," he maintained.

Pointing out that the Right of Privacy has its origins in the USA dating back to 1680, he said this law is being regularly updated in keeping with the times and to take on the newer challenges in this era of digital world. Expressing concern over rising Cyber crimes and frauds, he said that latest explorations in technology must be used for tackling such acts.

JSS Law College Principal Dr. N. Vanishree, Controller of Examinations Prof. P. Shivananda Bharathi and IQAC Co-ordinator Dr. A.T. Jagadish were present.

BJP names panel members for MLC polls

Prathap Simha N. Mahesh Raghu Kautilya Preetham Gowda

Bengaluru, Mar. 14 (DM)- Gearing up for the forthcoming Legislative Council polls for 4 Legislative Council seats from Teachers and Graduates Constituencies and By-elections to Davangere (South) and Bagalkot Assembly Constituencies, the BJP has named several party leaders from old Mysuru region as in-charge for these elections.

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha and former Minister N. Mahesh, who is also the State BJP Vice-President, as members of the in-charge panel for Bagalkot Assembly Segment, while State BJP OBC Morcha Chief Raghu R. Kautilya has been named in the panel that is in-charge of Davangere (South) Assembly Segment. Former Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda has been named as a member of the panel in-charge of South-East Graduates Constituency.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Vaishali of Padaki family continues Mysuru's cinema exhibition legacy through city's first multiplex *DRC Cinemas*, balancing films & expanding multiplex brand.

Reel Legacy Lives On...

The Padaki family is among the well-known families of Mysuru. For many Mysureans born in the late 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and even the 2000s, Shanthala Talkies on Narayana Shastri Road was a familiar landmark and a cherished part of their cinema-going memories. The family has been associated with the movie business for several decades. Although Shanthala Talkies was shut down recently, its legacy of entertaining audiences continues through DRC Cinemas, the city's first multiplex located at B.M. Habitat Mall in Jayalakshmipuram.

Currently managed by Vaishali Hanumanth, a third-generation entrepreneur from the Padaki family, the multiplex has become something of a second home for many movie buffs in Mysuru since its inception 15 years ago.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, *Star of Mysore* caught up with Vaishali Hanumanth, Managing Partner of DRC Cinemas, for a brief conversation about her journey as a successful woman entrepreneur. Excerpts:

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): When it comes to movies, your family is among the oldest exhibitors in Mysuru. How does it feel to carry forward the Padaki legacy?

Vaishali Hanumanth: Carrying forward the Padaki legacy is both an amazing experience and a matter of immense gratitude. What was started by my grandfather N.S. Padaki was later carried forward by my father M.N. Padaki and uncles N.P. Padaki and Mohan Padaki, and I eventually joined the family business. Now, with my son Krishna and daughter Manasa also stepping in, the legacy has entered the fourth generation.

Earlier, when Shanthala Talkies was operational, I used to visit regularly to discuss the business with my father and my uncle N.P. Padaki, who continues to be a guiding force even today. If DRC Cinemas has become a successful venture, I must thank my entire family, including my husband Hanumanth, who have been my backbone since day one.

SOM: As a woman entrepreneur, how did you manage to run the show in an industry that is largely dominated by men?

Vaishali: Like anyone else, I have had my share of ups and downs. But I must give full credit to my family. My husband, son, daughter, and of course my late father, have all been extremely supportive. Without their encouragement, I would not have reached where I am today.

In many ways, I am just the face of the venture. Everyone in the family has contributed. Thanks to technology, much of the work today happens through e-mails and phone calls, so there is no constant need to meet people in person. Of course, there are tough days as well as easier ones, but that is part of the journey.

> The Govt. should not interfere in ticket pricing. There are occasions when we sell tickets at much lower prices as well. We have never pressured anyone to come and watch a movie. It is entirely their personal choice. If someone wants better facilities, they will have to pay a premium. In reality, people come to watch movies irrespective of ticket prices.

SOM: Being the first multiplex in Mysuru, how do you look at DRC's journey over the past 15 years?

Vaishali: The journey has been wonderful so far. I must thank the people of Mysuru for accepting us with open arms. Though there is competition in the market, I believe I have a certain advantage because I am a Mysurean.

Many people who visit DRC feel a sense of connection with the place. Whether their feedback is positive or critical, they often call us, sometimes even late at night, to share their thoughts about the food, seating or other aspects. We take every suggestion seriously and constantly work on improving ourselves to give movie buffs in Mysuru a better experience.

SOM: Selecting movies for exhibition is one of the toughest tasks. How do you manage to maintain a balance?

Vaishali: I believe the legacy I carry plays an important role. During discussions with distributors, I try to convince them to release films at different times so that I can maintain a balance between various movies. I also assure them that if a film performs well, we will increase the number of screenings.

We review the performance of films regularly, especially over the weekends. Of course, it can still be challenging when it comes to big films and major production houses. Ultimately, it depends on how well you manage the situation and convince people.

Vaishali Hanumanth at the projection room of DRC Cinemas in Mysuru.

When the content is strong, choosing between films becomes even tougher. But I always try to strike a fair balance. Distributors have appreciated this approach because I make it a point to stand by whatever I promise them.

SOM: There has often been confusion over ticket prices, especially with the Government fixing a price cap. What is your view on this?

Vaishali: Personally, I feel the Government should not interfere in ticket pricing. There are occasions when we sell tickets at much lower prices as well. We have never pressured anyone to come and watch a movie. It is entirely their personal choice.

If someone wants better facilities, they will have to pay a premium. In reality, people come to watch movies irrespective of ticket prices. If the content is good, audiences rarely worry about how much the ticket costs.

At the same time, several factors go into providing a good movie-watching experience. The projectors, sound systems, seating, quality of food and air-conditioning. Everything has to be maintained at a high standard. If we compromise on any of these, we will lose our audience.

At DRC, we use the latest 4K laser projectors and Dolby Atmos audio systems. We also have staff salaries to pay and electricity bills are very high. All of this involves considerable cost.

SOM: What are your plans for DRC? Are you looking at expansion in the near future?

Vaishali: We are starting DRC at Kushalnagar in a couple of months and the work is progressing at a good pace. We are quite bullish about Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where entertainment options play a big role in people's lives.

At the same time, we are a little conservative in our approach. Hopefully, we may come up with one more DRC in Mysuru as well.

SOM: What is your message to women on the occasion of International Women's Day?

Vaishali: My message is very simple. Do what you truly enjoy and make sure you take everyone along with you in the journey. When you grow together with people who support you, the journey becomes far more meaningful.

Most importantly, patience and hard work are essential. Without these two things, achieving success is not possible.

NEWS BRIEFS

National Seminar

University of Mysore, along with Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi and EMRC, Manasagangothri, is hosting a 2-Day National Seminar on the topic 'Transforming Education for the Future Intelligent, Inclusive and Immersive Learning' at Bahadur Institute of Management Studies (BIMS), Hunsur Road, on Mar. 16 and 17 at 10.30 am.

Admission

Social Welfare Department has invited applications from talented SC boy students whose parents are engaged in hazardous and unhygienic jobs, for admission to 8th standard in Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri. Admission will be based on an entrance test to be conducted by the Department. The eligible boy students can apply at the Department office.

Yoga camp

A week-long Acupuncture and Yoga Camp for back pain and neck pain will be held at JSS Ayurveda Hospital in Alanahalli from Mar. 14 to 20. [Ph: 0821-2548231]

Obituary

R.P. Sundararaja Shetty

Mysuru, Mar. 14- R.P. Sundararaja Shetty (97), former Proprietor of Raghavendra Medicals, K.R. Circle and Kannika Trading Company, Old Santhepet, passed away at his residence this morning.

A resident of Kuvempunagar, he leaves behind his wife Padmavathi, two sons (R.S. Srinivasa Shetty and R.S. Satyanarayana Shetty), daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

M. Gangadhara

M. Gangadhara (58), an employee of Health Department and Joint Secretary of Ashokapuram Vinayaka Kreeda haagu Samaja Seva Samsthe, passed away at his residence in Ashokapuram 13th Cross this morning.

He leaves behind his wife Jayalakshmi, two daughters (Pooja and Lavanya) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Ashokapuram crematorium this afternoon.

Tusker captured in Kodagu, released into wild at Bandipur

Siddapura (Kodagu), Mar.14 (VNS)- In some relief for coffee planters, estate workers and the general public in the Siddapura, Guhya and surrounding areas in Kodagu district, the Forest officials yesterday captured a wild tusker that had killed coffee planter Ganapathy (Gappu) at Siddapura.

According to villagers and officials, the tusker had killed three people in the region, including Ganapathy.

Department officials roped in tamed elephants Sugreeva, Prashantha, Kanjan, Harsha, Aiyappa and Dhananjaya from Dubare Elephant Camp for the operation.

During the operation, the tusker was found inside a coffee estate at Ammathi. However, on noticing the tamed elephants, the wild elephant panicked and escaped.

The rogue elephant captured near Chennayyanakote near Siddapura in Kodagu yesterday being shifted to lorry using a crane.

The Forest officials chased the elephant for about 9 kms and traced it at a coffee estate near Pollibetta. Again, the elephant escaped through the Yemmegundi Estate route and was spotted at a coffee estate located in the Chennayyanakote region.

Soon, it was tranquilised by sharpshooter Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Ranjan and Veterinarian Ramesh.

Later, with the help of the tamed elephants, ropes were tied around the captured elephant before shifting it to the main road.

Following this, the tusker was shifted to a truck using a crane and was transported to Dubare Elephant Camp and later shifted to Ramapura Elephant Camp in Bandipur and released back into the wild.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Kodagu Circle) Sonal Vrishni, Madikeri DCF Abhishek, Virajpet DCF Jagannath, ACFs Tasleema Banu and Gopal, RFOs Sriram and Gangadhar and others were present.

It may be recalled that following the death of coffee planter Ganapathy at Siddapura on Mar. 12, leaders of political parties, coffee planters, estate workers and the general public had staged a protest against the Forest Department in front of the mortuary in Siddapura yesterday, demanding immediate action to curb the wild elephant menace.

Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna had also instructed the Forest officials to initiate measures to capture the rogue elephant.

Tobacco buying to resume from Mar. 16

Joint delegation of JD(S)-BJP leaders from Mysuru region meet Union Minister Piyush Goyal; former PM H.D. Deve Gowda takes the lead

New Delhi, Mar. 14 (Agencies)- The issue over falling tobacco prices in Karnataka, that had forced tobacco growers to stop selling their produce in markets, especially in Hunsur, K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna taluks of Mysuru district, is likely to be resolved, with Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal coming to the rescue of farmers. The Minister has instructed officers to facilitate the sale of tobacco from Monday (Mar. 16).

A delegation of leaders, including MPs, MLAs and other elected representatives from Mysuru region, led by Rajya Sabha Member and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, had called on Goyal, here yesterday.

A productive discussion was held with Union Minister Goyal, along with public representatives from tobacco-growing regions of Karnataka, regarding the challenges faced by tobacco farmers.

According to a press release from Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, who was also present during the meeting, Goyal has responded positively to several key demands of the growers, including the immediate procurement of tobacco, expansion of exports to international markets and the exploration of new overseas markets.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy called on Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal at New Delhi yesterday. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLAs G.D. Harish Gowda and A. Manju, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MLAs S.R. Mahesh, K. Mahadev and C. Ashwin Kumar, Kolar MP M. Mallesh Babu and JD(S) leader Krishna Nayak are also seen.

He (Goyal) also directed senior officials of his Ministry and key stakeholders from the tobacco purchasing industry to engage on the matter and take necessary steps to provide timely relief to farmers, with the objective of addressing the prevailing crisis.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar stressed on providing a permanent solution to the issues surrounding tobacco growing farmers. Hence, a request has been made to the Union Minister to explore the possibilities of increasing the export of tobacco products to foreign markets, followed by providing suitable market and price. During the previous year, tobacco was auctioned up to Rs. 320 per, while it has come down to minimum of Rs. 220.

It may be mentioned that, the tobacco growers in Mysuru had stopped selling tobacco, following the crash in prices, forcing the intervention of Tobacco Board and the District Administration. The tobacco purchasing companies had been categorically told to offer the rate on the lines of Andhra Pradesh, but the stalemate had continued, with neither of the companies refusing to budge.

MLAs G.D. Harish Gowda and A. Manju, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Kolar MP M. Mallesh Babu, former MLAs S.R. Mahesh, K. Mahadev and C. Ashwin Kumar and senior JD(S) leader Krishnanayak were present during the occasion.

Mysuru Travel Mart at JCAC from June 5 to 7

Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat invited to inaugurate event

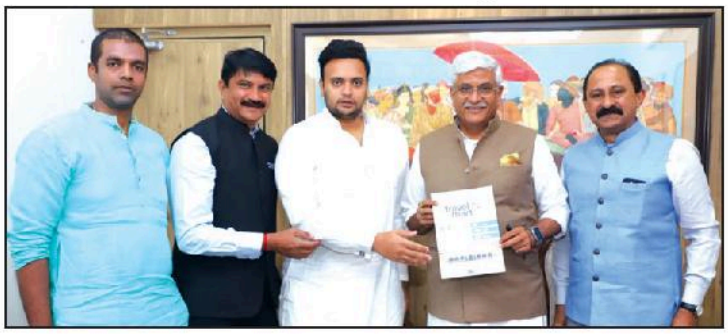
Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BCT)- The fifth edition of the Mysuru Travel Mart will be held from June 5 to June 7 at the Jagannath Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Mysuru.

Organised by the Mysuru Travels Association in collaboration with the Karnataka Tourism Department, Hotel Owners' Association and other organisations, the event aims to bring together tourism stakeholders from across the country.

A delegation of tourism stakeholders, led by Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, recently met Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi and invited him to inaugurate the event.

Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth and Skal International President C.A. Jayakumar explained the significance of the Travel Mart and its role in strengthening tourism development in the region.

The delegation discussed the program's framework, its format, and the success of previous editions, requesting the Union Minister to inaugurate the event and extend full support. After learning about the details, the Union Minister expressed his willingness to extend full support to the initiative.



Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar extending an invitation to Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi, urging him to inaugurate the Mysuru Travel Mart, as (from left) MP's media coordinator M.M. Nikhilesh, Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth and Skal International President C.A. Jayakumar look on.

The delegation also discussed tourism development in Mysuru and Kodagu and explored possible initiatives to further enhance the region's tourism potential. Earlier, the organisers had met Karnataka Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, who too assured full cooperation for the event.

The previous four editions of the Mysuru Travel Mart had successfully brought together tourism stakeholders from across the country. This year, organisers expect over 10,000 visitors and more than 1,000 tourism professionals to participate.

The event will feature over 100 stalls, panel discussions on key industry issues, seminars, tourism and hospitality awards and cultural programmes.

Organisers believe that hosting the event in Mysuru will provide tourism stakeholders from across the country an opportunity to explore the city and strengthen its presence on the global map.

Formal word on return of land by DYES awaited

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity, an official said that following the Minister's announcement in the Assembly, a formal communication from the State Government is awaited.

Once the letter is received, the Revenue Department will write to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports asking it to return the land, as the Government has withdrawn consent for the stadium proposal.

Meanwhile, the Sericulture Department will have to write to the Tahsildar seeking the return of the relevant land documents. The Tahsildar will then complete the formalities, after which the ownership details in the land records (RTC) will be changed, said Suresh Achar, Tahsildar of T. Narasipur.

Trade Union leaders said that following the Minister's announcement in the Assembly, the indefinite protest staged by workers outside the factory premises has been called off. "We are hopeful that the Government will honour its assurance. The protesting employees have resumed work at the factory," they said.

They added that once the ongoing Assembly Session concludes on Mar. 23, the formal procedures for returning the land are expected to begin. Senior officials of the Sericulture Department and KSIC have also conveyed the same to them, they said, expressing happiness over the decision to retain the land with the factory.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client **SN RAJANNA**, S/o. Late. Narayanashetty residing at Srirampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru-570008 the original Sale Deed Doc No.4149/1992-93 date 16/09/1992 has lost on 13/03/2026, in this regard the Police Complaint was lodged on 13/03/2026. Vide Complaint No.2107774/2026 at Mysore Vidyaranyapuram Police Station. If any person's finds the said will deed please inform me or contact to the address mentioned below within 07 (Seven) days from the date of this Public notice. If any person/s misuses the said sale deed and the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

Sd/- **LOHITH N**, B.A.L., LL.B., Advocate
"SRI SAI LAW ASSOCIATES"
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Mobile: 9611113323
Date: 13/03/2026, Place: Mysuru

Rs. 25 lakh fraud in city

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Meeting on loan rules

During the meeting, Narayana Shetty and Karthika explained to Harsha the rules and regulations to avail the loan. After collecting details about Harsha's occupation, Narayana Shetty agreed to lend Rs. 25 crore. To facilitate the loan, Narayana Shetty sought stamp papers worth Rs. 98,000 and Rs. 2,000 towards Deed preparation charges, totalling Rs. 1 lakh for each Rs. 1 crore. For the total amount of Rs. 25 crore, the charges came to Rs. 25 lakh.

Subsequently, on Oct. 27, Harsha paid Rs. 5 lakh and on Nov. 3 the remaining Rs. 20 lakh, all in cash, to Narayana Shetty and Karthika in the presence of Yashawantha Shetty and Praveena.

Rs. 10 note, CMS van...

After collecting the money, Narayana Shetty and Deepak assured Harsha that they would send an armoured cash van (CMS van) carrying Rs. 25 crore in cash to his home address between Nov. 27 and 30.

As part of the process, the accused gave Harsha a piece of a Rs. 10 currency note and the registration number of the CMS van — KA-06 C-8389.

Harsha waited for the promised day, but there was no sign of the armoured cash van. When he contacted Karthika over the phone, he was asked to visit Mysuru again on Dec. 3.

He rushed to Mysuru and was taken to meet Narayana Shetty and Deepak Vishwakarma in the latter's car. The duo cited reasons for the delay and assured him that the loan amount would reach him on Dec. 23.

However, Harsha's wait again proved futile. Narayana Shetty and Deepak later gave different dates, Jan. 3 and Jan. 27, 2026, and Feb. 10, 18 and 23, which all turned out to be false assurances.

No information of accused

Suspecting that he had been cheated, the panic-stricken Harsha contacted the house owner, R.R. Swamy, over the phone. Swamy informed him that he had rented the house to Narayana Shetty and Karthika in the name of Deepak Vishwakarma.

To verify this, Harsha visited the house, where locals told him that the accused had already vacated the premises. Harsha mentioned in the complaint that the accused also vacated their office.

Rs. 75 lakh loss

In his complaint to the Police, Harsha stated that as part of the loan agreement, he had handed over three blank cheques of IDFC Bank as security.

He also claimed that he had incurred a loss of Rs. 75 lakh so far in the process of procuring the loan of Rs. 25 crore.

Public hearing on Mar. 18

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Rakshith also said that the Government would take a final decision on whether compensation should be provided to those shop owners who have secured Sale Deeds before vacating them from the complex.

Duplin Complex has more than 50 shops, of which 21 have been identified as unauthorised. Notices have already been issued to some of the occupants and pasted on the shop walls. However, the shopkeepers allegedly removed the notices, he said.

Merchants' response

Duplin Complex Merchants' Association President Girish said, the Association would decide its next course of action after discussing the issue at a meeting. "The MDA Commissioner has questioned the legal validity of the Sale Deeds executed by an engineer. We will discuss the matter in our Association meeting and decide our stand," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large is hereby notified that my client/s has desired to purchase the under-mentioned property from its absolute owner, **Mr. Gregory V Warran**, son of Sri. K.M.Veerabhadraiah. If any person/(s), including Bank, Financial Institution, Private Financier, and all Statutory Authorities, claiming any right, interest, objections, or charges on the under-mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof, is/are hereby required to contact me at my Office **SLD LAW FIRM, No. 1416, N.S. Road, Near Sapna Book House, Mysuru,** with documentary evidence, within **10 (Ten)** days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said transaction will be completed without any references or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

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Notice is hereby issued to the General Public that (1) Mrs. D. Kumudini W/o Mr. Denish Jaya Shekar & D/o Late. S. David Jayananda, Residing at # 7/806, 1st Christian Street, Kollegal, Chamaraja Nagara - 571440. (2) Mrs. D. Champaka W/o. Mr. Franklin & D/o. Late S. David Jayananda Residing at # 50, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru - 570020. (3) Mrs. Lidiya Sowdhamini David W/o.Mr Anantha Rajamurthy & D/o Late S.David Jayananda, residing at # P.2/1, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Yadavagiri, Mysuru - 570020 and (4) Mrs. Tarini Wilson, W/o Mr. Dinakar Wilson & D/o Late. David Jayananda, Residing at # 10,Berley Street Cross, Langford Town,Bengaluru North Bengaluru-560025, have agreed to sell the Schedule Property to my client/s.

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Place : Mysuru M.Sanjay Jain
Date : 12/03/2026 Advocate.

Philo Fest: *Mr. Philomena* and *Miss Philomena* crowned

The winners and runners of** Mr. Philomena **and** Miss Philomena **contest seen with chief guest Akshata Ganesh, a well-known Kannada TV serial actress and an alumnus of the College.

Mysuru, Mar. 14- St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, recently celebrated its historic Oak Jubilee Philo Fest 2025-2026 at the College Indoor Stadium in Bannimantap.

The day-long event, organised by the Cultural Committee, served as a vibrant showcase of talent, culture and academic community spirit.

The festivities commenced with an inaugural dance performance, followed by the competitive *Mr. & Miss Philomena* contest. The crown seekers participated in traditional wear, western wear and questionnaire.

Syed Haneef, a student of MBA, was crowned *Mr. Philomena* and Brinda, a Journalism Post Graduation student, was crowned *Miss Philomena* during the event. Students also participated in a high-energy group dance competition.

During the event's intermission, several students were recognised for their achievements in intra-collegiate, inter-college and NCC events.

Akshata Ganesh, a well-known Kannada TV serial actress and a distinguished alumna of the College, was the chief guest.

Sharing the nostalgic memories of her student days, she encouraged the current batch to be bold and maintain a clear mindset to foster confidence.

Renowned choreographer Pruthvi Naik, who was the guest of honour, captivated the audience with a professional dance.

In his Presidential address, Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector, highlighted the essential role of co-curricular activities in the holistic development of students. The formal programme included the Cultural Committee's annual report for 2025-2026 by Dr. Poornima Umesh, Cultural Committee Coordinator.

The Committee feted Afnan, a student from Journalism Post Graduation and Parinita, Bachelor of Business Management, for their extraordinary performances in both intra and inter-college events.

College Principal Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha, Administrator Rev. Fr. Gnana Pragasam, Assistant to Rector Rev. Fr. S. David Sagayaraj, Vice-Principal (Academics) Prakash Chutino, faculty and students were present.

The Judges were invited from different industries for this celebration. Dinesh Johnson, Philip Charls and Vidu. Sheela Prabha judged the Group Dance event.

Khadar, Azhar and R. Prathiba judged the *Mr. Philomena* contest while Kavya, Deena Poojari and Moses Leo judged *Miss Philomena* contest. The celebration concluded with a documentary screening and an energetic Live DJ session by DJ Sharon.

Sunandaji to speak

on 'Path to Truth' in city on Mar. 19

Sunandaji

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Sunandaji, the daughter and disciple of the internationally eminent philosopher Swami A. Parthasarathy, will deliver a Vedanta Talk on the topic 'Path to Truth' on Mar. 19 (Thursday) between 6 pm and 7.30 pm at the Vedika Hall of Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

Under Swamiji's guidance, Sunandaji has been studying and researching Vedanta, the ancient philosophy of India, for over three decades.

Dedicating her life to the propagation of Vedanta, Sunandaji has addressed diverse audiences across five continents for over two decades.

Her clear and powerful presentation of ancient wisdom in contemporary thought has enthralled audiences including premier organisations such as Young Presidents' Organisation, Harvard Business School and Ernst & Young.

Sunandaji is a Trustee of the Vedanta Cultural Foundation, India. The Foundation runs the Vedanta Academy, a unique educational Institution which runs three-year full-time residential courses on Vedanta for students from all over the world and also short-term courses for professionals and young adults.

The philosophy of Vedanta presents universal principles of life and living. These values empower one to face challenges with clarity, attain success and peace. The ultimate purpose of this knowledge is to lead one to spiritual enlightenment.

For enquiry, those interested may WhatsApp: 97314-96528.

Disciples host memorial music programme for Mridanga Guru

Vid. Srinath *Vid. Srikanth* *Vid. Udaya* *Vid. Kiran*

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The disciples and admirers of **Vid. Nagabhushanachar** (1934 - 2020), a renowned mridanga artiste and teacher of yesteryears in the city, are organising a music programme in memory of their Guru at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in city on Mar. 15.

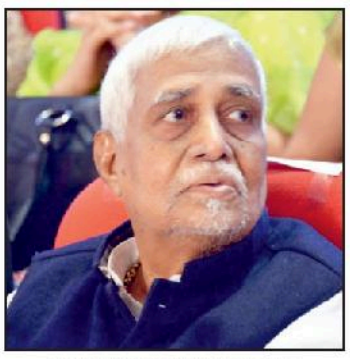
The programme is being held on the occasion of the 6th death anniversary of the artiste, who also served as lecturer at the University Fine Arts College for nearly four decades and inspired a number of youngsters to pursue a career in music.

The programme will feature a vocal concert by Vid. N. Srinath, accompanied by Vid. M.R. Srikanth on violin, Vid. M.R. Udaya Kumar on mridanga and Vid. M.S. Kiran on ghata. **The concert, starting at 10.30 am, is open to all music enthusiasts.**

Vid. Srinath, a disciple of Vidu. K.G. Kanakalakshmi, Dr. S. Ramanathan and Vid. R.N. Thyagarajan, is a senior artiste with a stage experience of over three decades.

Vid. Srikanth (disciple of Vid. Rajagopal and Vid. Tandavamurthy), Vid. Udaya Kumar (trained by Vid. Nagabhushanachar) and Vid. Kiran (son and disciple of Vid. M.S. Jayaram) are all well-known artistes of the city, having accompanied senior artistes.

Universal Tribute to Bannanje Govindacharya on Mar.15



Bannanje Govindacharya

Mysuru, Mar. 14- This year (2026) marks what would have been the 90th birth year of Philosopher and Sanskrit scholar Bannanje Govindacharya. Had he been with us physically, the grandeur of the celebration would have been of a different magnitude.

As thousands continue to live their lives through his teachings even today, Parampare, Mysuru and Bannanje Govindacharya Pratishtana, Bengaluru, have organised 'Vishwa Namana' (Universal Tribute) to Bannanje Govindacharya in Mysuru tomorrow (Mar. 15) from 5.30 pm onwards at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar.

Sanskrit scholar Vidwan Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao will preside and will be the main speaker. Artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat and Jayashree Shyanbhag, who knew Bannanje closely, will share memories of their association with him. Vid. G.N. Bhatta will speak on the dimension of Bannanje Govindacharya as a Sanskrit scholar.

On behalf of Bannanje Govindacharya Pratishtana, the driving force behind this institution Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh, former Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Sanskrit University, will deliver the introductory remarks. Veena Bannanje will also speak.

Bannanje Govindacharya's poems will be rendered by Kavitha Udupa and Suma Shastri.

So far, this commemorative programme has been held across 14 districts in Karnataka. In every location, it is the followers and admirers of Bannanje who have stood up to organise these events.

For details, contact Mob: 99860-37311.

Award Presentation and Music Fest

Pt. Venkatesh

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Sri Ganayogi Kala Trust, Mysuru, has organised Sri Ganayogi Pt. Panchakshari Gawai's 135th and *Padma Bhushan* Dr. Pt. Puttaraja Kavi Gawai's 112th Jayantyotsava, Award Presentation and Music Festival at Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, tomorrow (Mar. 15) at 10 am.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Gadag's Sri Veereshwara Punyashrama Seer Sri Kallaiah Swamiji will confer 'Ganayogi' award on Hindustani Singer Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar.

On the occasion, music critic Dr. Rama V. Bennur's books 'Nadayogiya Payana' and 'Guru Nadeda Haadiyalli' will be released by Dr. Sharathchandra Swamiji of Sri Kundur Mutt and Sri Srikantaswamiji of Aramane Sri Panchagavi Mutt. Pt. M. Kallinath Shastry and Nandeeshwara Mathaji will be the chief guests. Trust Patron and ex- MLC Thontadarya and Trust President H.N. Lokeshappa will be guests of honour. Pt. Venkatesh Kumar will present a concert with Vid. Keshav Joshi on tabla and Vid. B. Satish Bhat on harmonium.

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The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 1.30 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-3)	7.25 pm
Aakash (K)	(S-4)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05 pm 9.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Akash (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Akash (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.00 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 4.20 pm, 8.30 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	2.00 pm, 7.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.00 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kanchana 2 (Te)	:	9.45 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Akash (K)	:	11.00 am, 2.15 pm, 5.30 pm, 8.45 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	11.05 am, 3.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	11.10 am, 4.50 pm, 8.30 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	1.50 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	6.05 pm
Kanchana 2 (Te)	:	9.00 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Akash (K)	:	11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.00 pm
Kanchana 2 (Te)	:	11.40 am
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.00 pm, 5.35 pm
Sesha 2016 (K)	:	3.00 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	4.10 pm, 9.15 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	6.55 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 4.20 pm, 8.30 pm
Akash (K)	:	12.40 pm, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	12.45 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.00 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	3.55 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	5.55 pm
Kanchana 2 (Te)	:	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 14)

- **JSS Polytechnic (JSSP), Mysuru:** 'JSSP Manthana' (Annual Day Celebrations), JSS Polytechnic, JSS Technical institutions' Campus, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Mysuru:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-923,' story-telling by Dr. A.R. Krishnamurthy, former Professor & Chairman, Department of Clinical Psychology, Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** 'Science Sanje' event, talk on 'Nature Tales from Seasonal Bloomers' by Dr. B.S. Somashekhar, Project Director, Trans-Disciplinary University, Bengaluru and IINDICUS, Tumakuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Mysore Fashion Week:** Season-8, Silent Shores Resort, Spa and Convention Centre, **5 pm onwards.**
- **GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grace College:** Samhitha 2026, Musical Night by playback singer Rajesh Krishnan, College premises, KRS Road, **6 pm.**
- **Horizon School of Drums:** 'Drum Jam' by students of Horizon School of Drums, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Handi-Mandi' (based on 'Animal Farm' of George Orwell), directed by Shakeel Ahmed, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 15)

- **Sri Ganayogi Kala Trust:** Sri Ganayogi Pt. Panchakshari Gawai's 135th and *Padma Bhushan* Dr. Pt. Puttaraja Kavi Gawai's 112th Jayantyotsava, 'Ganayogi' Award Presentation and Music Festival, Music Concert by Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Joshi on tabla and Vid. B. Satish Bhat on harmonium, Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talks on 'The War on Iran-Military Aspects' by Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere and 'Political & Strategic Aspects' by Ravi Joshi, Retd. Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, GoI, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.**
- **Kavitha Prakashana:** Releasing of Ganesh Amingad's books 'Khydigala Kathana', 'Ranga Prasanga' and 'Ranga Karpoora' and Rameshchandra's collection of poems 'Haadiyolagana Haade...'; Senior Critic O.L. Nagabhushanswamy releases the books, noted theatre director Hulagappa Kattimani along with two freed prisoners (H.V. Ramesh and Mahesh Bagali) will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Vid. Nagabhushanachar's 6th death anniversary, vocal concert by Vid. N. Srinath, accompanied by Vid. M.R. Srikanth on violin, Vid. M.R. Udaya Kumar on mridanga and Vid. M.S. Kiran on ghata, Mysore Vasudevacharya's house, near Agrahara, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Fashion Week:** Season-8, Silent Shores Resort, Spa and Convention Centre, **5 pm onwards.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** International Women's Day celebrations, Brahma Kumaris Mysuru Sub-Zone Chief Co-ordinator, DDPU M.P. Nagamma inaugurates, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, Yadavagiri, **11 am.**
- **DRC Cinemas:** Screening of short films 'Mandala' directed by Rishi Raman and 'I See You' directed by Minchu Joshi, **11 am and 12 noon.**
- **Parampare, Mysuru and Bannanje Govindacharya Pratishtana, Bengaluru:** 'Bannanje 90ra Vishwa Namana,' Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides and delivers main speech, retd. VC of Karnataka Sanskrit University Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh delivers keynote address, artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, retd. Director of Mysuru Akashvani Jayashree Shyanbhag, scholar Vid. G.N. Bhatta will deliver talks, Veena Bannanje proposes vote of thanks, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of comedy play 'Parameshi Prema Prasanga,' written by Srinivas Prabhu and directed by Raviprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
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'Mysuru Saṃvāda' dialogue series to begin tomorrow with Dr. Gururaj Karajagi

Mysuru, Mar. 14- A new initiative titled 'Mysuru Saṃvāda,' aimed at reviving the tradition of thoughtful public dialogue on culture, knowledge and contemporary issues, will be inaugurated at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram here tomorrow (Mar. 15) at 10 am.

Dr. Gururaj Karajagi

Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Chairman R. Vasudeva Bhat and SVYM Chief Executive S. Savitha will be the chief guests. Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) Deputy CEO S. Praveen Kumar will preside.

The inaugural Saṃvāda will feature noted educationist and thinker Dr. Gururaj Karajagi.

The theme of the first conversation is 'From Gurukula to Generative AI - The Future of Education in India.'

Earlier in the day, Dr. Karajagi will deliver a special lecture titled 'From a Teacher to a Guru - The Journey of an Educator.' This morning session is a joint programme of Vivekananda Teacher Training and Research Institute (VTTRC), a unit of SVYM and BSS Vidyodaya, supported by DVG Balaga Prathisthana and Future Teachers of India Fellowship.

Inspired by India's long-standing civilisational tradition of saṃvāda — meaningful dialogue through respectful debate and reflection — the initiative seeks to create a forum where scholars, thinkers, practitioners and members of the public can engage in conversations on the many dimensions of Indian culture, knowledge systems, values and the questions of the present times. For details, contact Ramesh Venkataraman on Mob: 82178-78059 or C. Kanakaraju on Mob: 94489-73582.

Telugu Samskruthika Samithi to celebrate Ugadi on Mar. 19

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The Telugu Samskruthika Samithi, Mysuru, will be celebrating New Year Ugadi with its members at its premises, CA 03, 2nd Cross, I-Block Ramakrishnanagar, on Mar. 19 from 6 pm onwards as follows:

Panchanga Shravanam for the new year 'Parabhava nama samvathsara.'

Various cultural programmes will be conducted by members.

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Telugu Samskruthika Samithi President P. Krishna Reddy will preside over the event.

For further details, contact Samithi Secretary SVS Sreeram, on Mob: 82770-55197, according to a press release from the Samithi.

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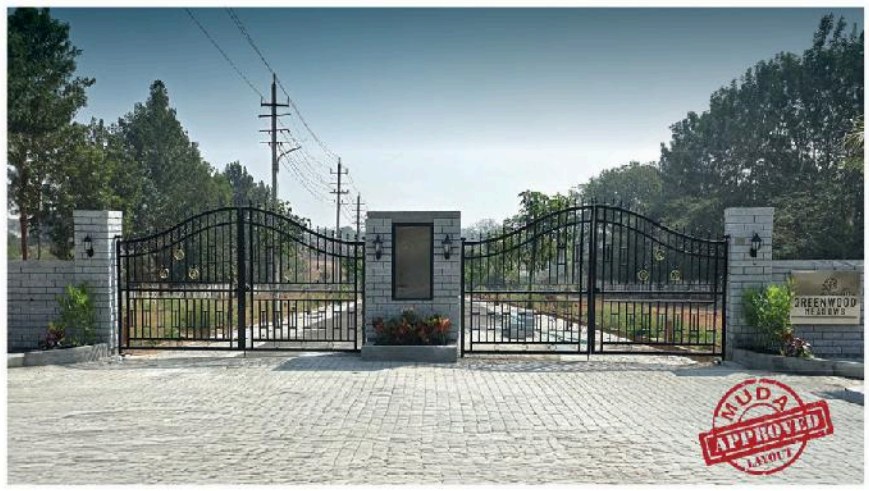

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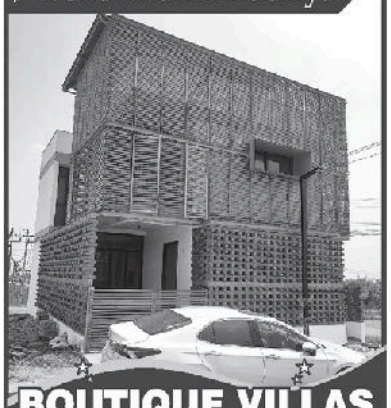

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